

TAFT ASSURED  
OF SUPPORTBy New York County in Coming  
National Convention

## BUT ROOSEVELT IS SILENT

President Returned from New York to  
Washington with Pledge from Chair-  
man Koenig of the Republican  
County Committee.

New York, Dec. 21.—President Taft went back to Washington this morning with assurances from Samuel Koenig, chairman of the Republican county committee, that he would have the support of the New York county delegation at the coming national convention. Mr. Koenig took the occasion of the president's visit to state that his predecessor would not be a candidate for 1912. President Taft returned without seeing Colonel Roosevelt or receiving any communication from him.

In his visit here, the president spoke at five dinners, at each one of which his reception was enthusiastic, laid the cornerstone of a new home for the blind, did Christmas shopping and received many political leaders as callers. The president's last speech was before 400 members and guests of the New York Young Republican club at a dinner given in honor of the chief executive. He appeared at the dinner at a late hour, just as Senator Borah of Idaho was scheduled to speak. Vociferous cheering and a toast to his heart marked the president's entry, and he sat in rapt attention to a stirring address by the western senator. With language which the president later described as having great force, imagery and poetry, Senator Borah flayed "lawless big business" in a way which stirred his hearers to unusual demonstrations of applause.

The president's remarks followed the speech of Senator Borah. Mr. Taft agreed that the country had defects and that it was the business of the people to overcome them. "The chief of its defects," he said, "is the loss of vision, that respect for law, which we have inherited from across the sea. We have struggled with conditions and in prosperity have met harder tests than the Puritan met. It is true we do not hold the law as sacred as we should. I don't think we hold anything quite as sacred as we should."

"LAWLESS BIG BUSINESS"  
LIKENED TO McNAMARASSenator William E. Borah of Idaho Made  
Address in New York Last Night  
Which Breathed Fire in  
Every Word.

New York, Dec. 21.—Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, at the Young Republican club last night, made an address that breathed fire in every word for "lawless big business" and little violators of the law as well.

He drew a significant comparison between the McNamaras, the confessed dynamiters, and the old Standard Oil and Tobacco companies.

"To save their worthless lives," he said, referring to the dynamiters, "they entered pleas of guilty, insisting that they did it all for principle and expect an astonished world to accept their whining apologies."

"There is another record record which we will be passing notice, also. Bound up in many volumes you will find the full record of two of the late noted decisions. It is a tale twice told, of selfishness and greed, extortion and lawlessness. The plea of the plaintiff is not unlike the plea of the instigator of dynamite, for although the acts are clearly in violation of law and the rights of the public, it is claimed nevertheless that it was all done in the interest of business growth and industrial progress."

"This is the best plea and the only plea that twentieth century business can furnish—all that could be said by those so rarely gifted and richly endowed with this world's goods and intellectual power, and of whom the government and humanity have a right to expect so much."

Respect and enforcement of the law was one of the keystones of Senator Borah's address. Obsequence to the law, he said, was the bedrock on which powerful governments are built, and he believed this a time when a political party could afford to make it a cardinal tenet of its faith. In no other first rate nation, he said, is law so disregarded as in the United States.

"There is no place where life is so insecure against bomb or bullet, where criminal laws are so ineffectually enforced, where corruption is so little condemned in public opinion and where the defiance of law in the highest walks of business life so generally prevails. To leave law unenforced, to cultivate a disregard for its obligations is but to follow the ground so that in after years there may be one law for the poor and another for the rich," said Mr. Borah.

He added that the McNamara cases and the trust cases were strong and uncontroverted evidence of what is fast becoming a national disease. He said he had no sympathy with the prosecution of business men who erred unknowingly.

"I refer alone," he said, "to that class who sit in their offices with trained lawyers and plan how they may evade the law and its penalties. If a man lies in wait for his adversary and slays

him, unwarned, will it be a defense for his lawyer to say to the court that his client has always had difficulty in distinguishing between voluntary and involuntary manslaughter?"

"It is not only of the things condemned by the rule of reason, but by the dictates of conscience and common honesty that the public complains. I do not enter a defense of our anti-trust law; I am frank to say I doubt both its efficiency and completeness. But it is the law and if half the energy and ingenuity of our business men had been put forth to perfect it, that has been expended to successfully violate it and make it worthless, we would long ago have had a law which would protect all legitimate business and make all business legitimate."

"I sympathize sincerely with the man who in his hunger or his disappointment, in discouragement or despair, thinks he can better conditions by taking the law into his own hands. In the hour in which order shall be driven from its high place in the temple of liberty and in which lawlessness and might shall come in its stead, in the fearful struggle to follow, the first man to go to the bottom to remain there will be the man who toils."

"But how shall we excuse or long sympathize with the man of influence and position, of wealth and prestige who still by word and deed teaches disrespect for or defiance of the law? Does he not know that it is useless to look for law and order in the common walks of life when lawlessness reigns supreme in the upper air?"

"The danger lies in procrastination. We learned once at tremendous cost of life and blood that you may have your fugitive slave law, your Missouri compromise, your Dred Scott decision, your flat of government, your compromise with wrong, your barter with justice, but the hour of reckoning and readjustment comes—tardy, but inexorable. It is possible, my friends, to go on until men of great fortune, whether justly or unjustly earned, will stand stripped like the slave master of the South not alone of his slaves, but stripped of his wealth, earned through two centuries of unrequited toil."

"Let us not trifle too long with that widespread passionate sense of wrong, even among the more conservative; arising out of the belief that large fortunes have been built up at the expense of the poor, and that men, women, and children go hungry while others revel in waste and luxury. It is possible to go on until the soldier called into the street to property will fraternize with the mob."

"You will hear often in these days that certain men are engaged in experimenting with new plans of government and dangerous expedients."

"We do not need a new faith; we need a new faith, the directness and self-surrender of the old. We do not need a new gospel; we need rather to preach the creed of Washington and Jefferson and Jackson and Lincoln with a tongue of fire throughout the land. We need to have constitutional morality declared as was the gospel of old to the rich and the poor."

"Choose ye this day whom you will serve, the few, the selfish, the lawless, and see our party continue broken in faction and deserted by thousands of the rank and file, or the interests of the countless thousands, whose hopes and happiness lie in the direction of equal opportunities, of just and equal laws, and see our party take on strength of the days when it defied the arrogant power of slavery and appealed to men's common sense of justice—now as then, however, to deal not in malice and revenge in hatred or destruction, but in equity and justice, in protection and security alike for all, rich and poor."

FEDERAL ACTION MADE  
AGAINST KEYSTONE CO.United States Government Claims It Is  
Operating in Violation of the  
Sherman Law.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The federal government late yesterday afternoon filed in the United States circuit court a suit against the Keystone Watch Case company, declaring it an unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the manufacture and sale of watch cases. The government declares that the company now "manufactures and sells 80 per cent. of all watch cases in the United States," and that it is "the intent and purpose of the defendant that company shall monopolize the remainder of the trade and commerce."

The Keystone Watch company is a Pennsylvania corporation. The individual defendants named in the bill are Theophilus Zurburg of Riverside, N. J., until recently president of the company; Caleb Fox, Philadelphia, acting president; Edward F. Stotesbury, Philadelphia, vice president; John J. Mueller, Philadelphia, secretary; Charles M. Fogg, Philadelphia, treasurer; F. H. Kain, Philadelphia, assistant treasurer; and Irving Smith, New York, a director.

The watch industry movement in the United States is divided into two parts, watch cases and watch movements. Of all the watch cases manufactured and sold, more than 90 per cent. are filed cases.

Among many other specifications the government also charges that "defendants have also urged its competitors to sell their plants and business to the Keystone company, threatening them with destruction should they refuse to do so, and have declared their intention of acquiring the remainder of the trade and commerce in watch cases, and have asserted that they would spend a million dollars, if necessary, to drive some of the larger of its competitors out of business, and that defendants would hang on to the doors of such competitors' factories."

The bill charges the company with deception in putting on the market certain inferior grade watch cases, labeled to suit the purchasers with long-term guarantees to compel other manufacturers to compete with falsely labeled cases.

The government declares that the company has been enabled to realize "unreasonable profit on its capital stock."

The bill prays that the acquisition of various companies and contracts entered into be adjudged unlawful; that the combination be disintegrated; that it be restrained from continuing its monopolistic methods; and that jobbers be left free to handle all kinds of goods.

A SHORTAGE  
OF \$700,000Reported by a Dayton, Ohio,  
Company

## AND CREDITORS INFORMED

Platt Iron Works Company, Recently  
Thrown into Bankruptcy at the  
Instance of Several New York  
Banks, Badly Involved.

Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—The alleged shortage of nearly \$700,000 in the books of the Platt Iron Works company of Dayton, which became public in Cincinnati yesterday, was discovered and revealed to a meeting of creditors before Referee McConoughy on Tuesday. The referee began examination of the books of the concern, and President Joseph B. Reichman of the company was questioned only on matters relating to the books. The shortage of nearly \$700,000 is admitted, but the disposition of the amount is not known. Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—What is alleged to be an apparent shortage of \$693,000 in the finances of the Platt Iron Works company of Dayton, Ohio, was yesterday disclosed by attorneys for a number of creditors. The iron works company was recently thrown into bankruptcy at the instance of several New York banks. The president of the Platt Iron Works was Joseph B. Reichman, who was also the president of the now defunct Carnegie Trust company of New York City.

RICHESON RECOVERING,  
SAY HIS PHYSICIANSIndications Are That He Will Be Ready  
for Trial When the Case Is Called  
on January 15.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Everything pointed today to the rapid recovery of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who so mutilated himself with a piece of tin at the Charles street jail yesterday morning that a drastic operation was found to be necessary. A statement was issued at the jail, saying that he passed a comfortable night. He slept some during the night. The doctors who treated the clergyman said that he should be well in ten days or two weeks. The danger of blood poisoning setting in is not likely. Sheriff Seavey has guards at Richeson's bedside every moment of the day and night to prevent the prisoner making any further effort to injure himself or to tear open the wounds, from which he is suffering. Attorney Morse of counsel for the accused minister visited his client this morning. Mr. Morse said he found the clergyman resting quietly and apparently asleep.

Whether the speed with which Massachusetts justice has acted in the Linnell murder case, coupled with failure of his counsel to obtain a delay, or whether the humiliating change from pulpit to prison cell, with a possibility of the death chair as an end, acted upon the mind of the young clergyman and instigated the act, are among the conjectures rife in the city to-day.

AROUSED BY SMOKE.  
Occupant of Burning Building Hastened  
Out and Turned in Alarm.

Springfield, Dec. 21.—Fire in the Frank W. Stiles block, on the square, at an early hour yesterday morning practically destroyed the stock and fixtures of Charles Tarro, fruit and cigar dealer and confectioner, valued at upward of \$3,000, and damaged the building a few hundred dollars.

The Tarro stock and fixtures were insured for \$2,100. The block is fully protected. Atty. Fred H. Spaulding, who rooms in the rear of the block on the second floor, was awakened by the smoke about 2 a. m. and turned in the alarm. The fire originated in the basement from an overheated furnace, and owing to the large number of empty boxes stored there, the low ceiling and the cold, it was a hard one to handle.

Fred W. Wheeler was on the scene promptly, however, with hand extinguishers, and the W. H. H. Slack hose company arrived within eight minutes and soon had three streams on the blaze.

COST HIM \$300.  
Norfolk, Mass., Man Had a Spring Gun  
in a Hen House.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 21.—The use of a spring gun in a hen house cost Henry A. Sharp, a well-known farmer of Norfolk, \$300. Upon Sharp's plea of guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Nicola d'Orsi, a Wrentham Italian, this fine was imposed by Judge Quinn in the superior court here yesterday.

Sharp had been greatly annoyed by chicken thieves, and to prevent further thefts of his poultry he rigged a spring gun in his hen house, intending, he said, to capture the intruders. D'Orsi visited Sharp's hen house on the night of October 7, exploded the gun and was killed.

District Attorney Albert F. Barker recommended to the court that Sharp be dealt with lightly, but suggested that some penalty be imposed, because deaths of the same nature as D'Orsi's had occurred far too frequently in Norfolk county in the last few years, he said.

WON'T ACCEPT REPUBLIC.  
China's Premier So States in an Official  
Statement.

Peking, Dec. 21.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai, in an official statement to-day, said that he without any qualification refused to accept the republic.

TO DISCUSS SMALLPOX.  
Health Officers in the Infected Region  
to Get Instruction.

Burlington, Dec. 21.—Drs. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro, C. S. Caveney of Rutland and F. T. Kildner of Woodstock arrived at the Van Ness house last evening and will be present at the state board of health meeting to be held at the hotel to-day.

To-morrow morning at 8:30 a meeting of the health officers located in the sections where smallpox prevails will meet in the roof garden of the Van Ness house and will spend the day in a discussion as to the best method of ridding their communities of the disease. The regions now affected are in Lamoille, Orange and Caledonia counties, and it is expected that about 25 of the physicians will be in attendance. The discussion in no place has taken a malignant form, but is a curse to the different communities in that it paralyzes business and causes the closing of schools and churches. A member of the state board said last evening that a strenuous effort would be made to prevent the disease spreading to Burlington and other cities of the state.

PRES. TAFT URGES  
THE PARCELS POSTPresented Message to Congress To-day,  
in Which He Declared Steps Should  
Be Taken at Once.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft sent a message to Congress to-day in regard to the financial condition of the treasury, needed banking and currency reform and departmental emergencies. The president declared the credit of the government to be better than that of any other government, as shown by the sale of the Panama canal, 3 per cent. bonds, because "these bonds did not give their owners the privilege of using them as a basis for bank-note circulation, and was there any other privilege extended to them which would affect their general market value."

President Taft came out in favor of the parcels post, saying as follows: "Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcels post. In the estimates of appropriations needed for the maintenance of the postal service for the ensuing fiscal year, an item of \$150,000 has been inserted to cover the preliminary expense of establishing a parcel post on rural mail routes, as well as to cover an investigation having for its object the final establishment of a general parcel post on all railway and steamboat transportation routes. The department believes that after the initial expenses of establishing the system are defrayed and the parcel post is in full operation on the rural routes, it will not only bring in sufficient revenue to meet its cost, but also a surplus that can be utilized in paying the expenses of a parcel post in the city delivery service."

"It is hoped that Congress will authorize the immediate establishment of a limited parcel post, on such rural routes as may be selected, providing for the delivery along the routes of parcels not exceeding eleven pounds, which is the weight limit for the international parcel post, or at the postoffice from which such route emanates, or on another route emanating from the same office. Such preliminary service will prepare the way for the more thorough and comprehensive inquiry contemplated in asking for the appropriation mentioned, enable the department to gain definite information concerning the practical operation of a general system, and at the same time extend the benefit of the service to a class of people who, above all others, are specially in need of it."

"The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect to destroy the business of the country storekeeper. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain."

"ADULTERATED" PAPER  
USED BY GOVERNMENTDiscovery Caused Fear That the Printed  
Records Will Be Unreliable With-  
in Century—New Paper  
Ordered.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The discovery by the Congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the government printing office, led to the announcement of a complete new set of government paper standard. The paper adulteration was accomplished by the substitution of day for the more substantial wood or rag fibres, leading to a grave fear that many of the printed records of the government will crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

## MINERS KILLED BY CAR.

Car Slipped from Control and Went  
Down the Grade on Them.

Portsmouth, R. I., Dec. 21.—Two miners, Edward Ryan, 35 years, and Knute Bergstrom, 45, both of Providence, were instantly killed last night at the Portsmouth coal mines. A car loaded with coal, which had almost reached the top of a slope at the bottom of which the two men were working, slipped from its control and rolled swiftly back down the incline, killing the miners. What caused the car to break away is unknown.

## GIRL WAS DROWNED.

Her Brother Made Desperate Effort to  
Save Her Life.

Whitinsville, Mass., Dec. 21.—Grace Buma, the eight-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Buma, was drowned while sliding on thin ice on the small body of water in Pierce's cove yesterday. Her 11-year-old brother, Clarence, had a narrow escape in a desperate attempt to save her, but he was pulled out by men from the nearby Linwood mills, who were attracted by his cries. The men recovered the girl's body about an hour later.

ATWOOD SEEKS  
MORE HONORSFamous Bird-man Started From  
Lynn, Mass., To-day

## IN FLIGHT TO PROVIDENCE

Flying in a Hydroaeroplane, He Planned  
to Follow the Water Line, Circling  
the Harbors, and Landing in  
Narragansett Park.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 21.—The longest flight yet attempted in a hydroaeroplane was started to-day by Harry N. Atwood, who left Point of Pines this morning for Providence, R. I., fifty miles distant. Atwood, who was unaccompanied on the trip, planned to follow the water route as closely as possible, and he intended to circle all the harbors which he passed in his flight. On leaving here, he announced his intention to alight at Narragansett park on the outskirts of Providence.

Broke a Record Yesterday.  
To-day's attempt followed a successful flight yesterday afternoon when, Atwood broke the hydroaeroplane record by remaining in the air one hour and twenty minutes, while flying above Marblehead, Swampscott, Lynn, Saugus and Nahant. He was accompanied on that trip by Harold F. Moulton, a newspaper man.

PRESIDENT SIGNS  
TREATY RESOLUTIONTreaty With Russia Will Expire on Jan-  
uary 13, 1913, and Meanwhile Ef-  
forts Will Be Made to Make  
a New Treaty.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—With Secretary of State Knox the only witness, President Taft to-day signed the joint resolution passed by Congress ratifying his action in serving notice on Russia of the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with that country. The treaty automatically will continue until January 13, 1913. In the meantime efforts will be made to negotiate a new treaty, eliminating the causes of friction which led to the termination of the old one. Coincident with the signing of the resolution of abrogation, there was made public at the White House, the exchange of telegrams between President Taft and the emperor of Russia.

TO BAR THE PRESS.  
At the Proposed Execution of Elroy  
Kent at Windsor.

Brattleboro, Dec. 21.—H. Elroy Kent, the murderer of Delia Congdon of Wallingford, Vt., three years ago, is hanged in the state prison at Windsor during the second week of January, according to the sentence of the Rutland county court, the public will be refused details.

Newspaper representatives were so notified by Sheriff J. H. Kinley of Windsor county yesterday, in view of the alleged bungling of the execution of Mary Rogers a few years ago, and the reports made.

Statements have been made that to allow newspaper representatives to be present and report the execution in detail will go further toward bringing about the abolishment of capital punishment in Vermont than anything else. There seems to be a well-defined belief in Windsor that Kent will not be hung.

COBRA AT LARGE.  
One Sailor Dead and Remainder of the  
Crew in Terror.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A constant guard was provided for yesterday during the unloading of the German steamship Kattun to prevent fatality among the longshoremen and stevedores because a poisonous cobra, which on the voyage from Calcutta, killed one member of the crew and reduced the remainder to a state of abject terror, was still loose aboard the ship. The reptile, one of 124 consigned to a New York animal dealer, measured eight feet long. Although the crew after the reptile had escaped and bitten a sailor, who died after a few hours' agony, hunted with weapons against the vessel, the cobra could not be found, and was believed to have secreted itself among the cargo.

## CARS DOWN BANK.

Serious Freight Wreck at Richmond, But  
No One Was Hurt.

Richmond, Dec. 21.—For some unknown reason extra freight No. 763, southbound, left the track about noon yesterday and eight freight cars were thrown down a 30-foot embankment. No one was hurt. The accident happened a mile north of the station. The track was blocked about eight hours, being cleared at eight o'clock in the evening.

## Fine of \$100 in Deer Killing Case.

Brattleboro, Dec. 21.—Judge William R. Daley announced his decision yesterday afternoon in the case of the State vs. George Carruth, tried Tuesday on the charge of illegally killing a deer. He was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. The offense was charged, was committed in Halifax, Feb. 24, 1911. The respondent appealed.

## Fought Fast Ten Rounds.

New York, Dec. 21.—"Knockout" Brown and Leach Cross fought hard and fast for ten rounds at the Empire Athletic club last night, and it was the opinion of those about the ring that Brown won on points. Though a hard left by Cross raised a lump over Brown's right eye in the second round, Brown had the better of the exchanges.

DEBOER STANDS PAT.  
On His Earliest Determination to Use  
Only Honorable Means.

At a meeting of the DeBoer club in Montpelier last evening, Joseph A. DeBoer, a Republican candidate for governor of Vermont, was called on to make extemporaneous remarks, which he did. In the course of his speech, Mr. DeBoer took occasion to assert that he should not ask, and had not asked, any of the officers, office staff, or policyholders of the National Life Insurance company to work for him, and that he should not try to gag them. This he said in reply to some insinuations that he might have instructed the agents of the company to work for him.

At the close of his remarks, Mr. DeBoer read the following letter, which was addressed to President James M. Boutwell of the club:

"Dear Sir: Doubtless the fact of my candidacy as it stands requires me to define. The city, without my name, saw fit, so far as a representative group of men could do so, to present my name to the Republican party of Vermont for the office of governor on its ticket of 1912. I have agreed to accept that designation and will sustain it legitimately to the full extent of my power."

"I have one thing to advise the club organized in my name and in my behalf, for which I am sincerely grateful; that they violate no law, no principle of honest politics and in no manner adopt a single practice against which my position is opposed. The use of money, the control of the press, the artificial canvassing system and the paid political convention committee are issues to which we object. The people, I am sure, desire to more nearly and directly elect their own state officers and of course that means their nomination by the people for the purposes of political parties. Self-government is an expensive thing, calling for action, independence and self-sacrifice on the part of the voters, but government by the people cannot be had or cannot exist unless they will pay for its costs and take part in its securing."

"I wish to advise you that I am especially interested in the principle involved and that I request earnestly that my friends respect that position, in no case breaking either the law of the state or any rule of pure politics, by which a mean illegal use of money, misrepresentation, political trading, political promises, etc. I would rather lose than that platform than win upon any basis of maintaining the old system, and sincerely hope that this position will be maintained by all my friends."

"Yours very truly,  
"Joseph A. DeBoer."

Mr. DeBoer's remarks and his letter were well received by the members of the club, after which remarks were made by various men from Montpelier and Barre.

FOUR HORSES DRAGGED  
INTO THE RIVERWere Extricated at Montpelier This After-  
noon After Great Difficulty—  
Belong to N. M. Nelson  
of Barre.

Four of the eight horses attached to N. M. Nelson's team were dragged into the Winooski river below the granite street bridge in Montpelier, together with the heavily loaded wagon, early this afternoon, the other four remaining on the road and being used to draw out their mates after considerable maneuvering. The driver of the team, Louis Benjamin, jumped from the vehicle and thus escaped going into the water too.

The accident was a peculiar one, the horses which went into the water being the four leaders, while the four animals nearest the load stayed on the bank, forming the bend of the semi-circle of horses and wagon. A large number of people went to the assistance of the driver, and the four floundering horses were drawn out and taken to the city stables in Montpelier and given a rub-down. No serious results are expected. They are owned by N. M. Nelson of Barre.

DEATH OF GEORGE REID.  
Native of Scotland and Employee of Marr  
& Gordon.

George Forbes Reid died at his home, 2 Plain street, this morning at 9:45 o'clock. Mr. Reid had been ill for the past six months with a general breakdown. He was born in Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, 47 years ago and came to this country 21 years ago. For about forty years Mr. Reid had followed the trade of a stationary engineer, being first employed in America at Bennington, N. H., and nine years ago coming to Barre, where he worked in the Marr & Gordon plant until he was taken sick.

He leaves a wife and seven children, George, Jr., John and Mrs. Alexander Cruikshank of Barre, William of Montpelier, Mrs. Albert Tuttle of Concord, N. H., Mrs. William Marr of Glasgow, Scotland, James of Salt Lake City, Utah, and two great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held Sunday.

## Question Trained About Wreck.

Swanton, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Central Vermont and the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain met here yesterday to investigate the collision of "Tuesday" evening, when seven persons were injured. C. E. Soule, superintendent, and C. W. Witters, attorney of the Central, and F. C. Mayo, assistant superintendent, and Harry Blodgett, attorney for the St. J. & L. C. were present and questioned all the trainmen, excepting the injured conductor and the brakeman, who are not here. The collision is soon to be investigated by the state railway commission.

## Wife of Telephone Manager Dead.

Burlington, Dec. 21.—Mrs. W. H. Fox, wife of W. H. Fox, district manager of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company, died suddenly yesterday after a four days' illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Fox was 31 years old and was born in Lowell, Mass. Her maiden name was Maria Tyler Stevens. The body will be taken to Lowell Thursday for burial.

Mrs. Fox was educated in the public schools of Lowell and studied at Smith college for two years. She leaves, besides a husband, four children, Lorenzo, Richard, Madeline and Priscilla, and her mother, Mrs. J. T. Stevens of Lowell.

GIRL RESCUED  
IN DEEP WATERWhen Thrown Down Bank by  
Fractious Horse

## HAD VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Ethel Morey Was Standing in Wa-  
ter Nearly to Her Shoulders When  
Taken Out—Horse Was Fright-  
ened by Locomotive.

St. Albans, Dec. 21.—Howard Morey and his sister, Miss Ethel Morey of North Fairfield, had a narrow escape last evening, when a horse which they were driving became frightened while standing in front of the postoffice waiting for a freight train on the crossing, and backed over an embankment about fifteen feet high into the water. The occupants of the wagon did not have time to jump.

When rescued, Miss Morey was standing in the carriage, with the water nearly up to her shoulder, and was nearly exhausted. She was taken to the home of her uncle, W. A. Wait, and Dr. M. H. Powers was summoned. He found that Miss Morey was not injured.

The horse turned a complete somersault as it went down the bank, and it was hauled out of the water by means of ropes. The water was about eight feet deep where the team went in.

KILLED BY FALL  
WHILE SKATINGWalter Johnson, Aged 58, of Bakersfield,  
Sustained Contusion of the Brain  
Last Night and Died  
To-day.

Bakersfield, Dec. 21.—Walter Johnson, while skating on Woodard's pond last night, fell, suffering contusion of the brain, from which he died early this morning. There were several people on the pond at the time of the accident. Mr. Johnson was 58 years of age and is survived by his wife and several children.

## GREEN MOUNTAIN EXPRESS.

Started Its Trips Out of Barre Last  
Night With Good Patronage.

The Green Mountain Express, the new accommodation train over the Wells River road leaving Barre at 9:30 each night, had an auspicious leave taking last night when at least thirty passengers took advantage of the train to go to points south. Of these, five had reserved berths in the Pullman. The day and smoking coaches were occupied by twenty-five people. A good-sized crowd of local people gathered at the station to see the train leave for Boston. On its return this morning, the train was well loaded and several Barre people who have been in Boston during the week, came home on the Pullman.

The new train schedule on the Montpelier & Wells River road, which went into effect yesterday, has sixteen passenger trains between Barre and Montpelier daily, of which four connect with through trains over the main line to Wells River. As there are eighteen passenger trains on the Central Vermont line, it is an easy proposition getting from Barre to Montpelier and the other way nowadays.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

C. E. Bixby went to Burlington last  
night on a business trip.

Foreign Masons committee will meet Friday evening at 7:30 in Masonic hall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bolt went to Northfield this afternoon to visit relatives for a few days.

George Murray went to Northfield this noon on a business trip connected with the Sullivan Machinery Co.

Mrs. Victor Stacey of Maple avenue left last night for Rouses Point, N. Y., where she will remain with friends until after Christmas.

Among the guests registered at the City hotel yesterday and to-day were: T. H. Simmons, White River Junction; J. S. Whittemore, and C. Young, Boston; E. G. Clewley, Burlington.

Mrs. Martin Welch of Portsmouth, N. H., who has been visiting friends in the city for a few days, went to Burlington yesterday for a short stay, before returning home.

Peter Casellini and Miss Luigia Milese were married in this city December 19 by Justice of the Peace James Mackay. Mr. and Mrs. Casellini intend to make their home on Maple avenue.

Ralph M. Buck of Newport, a graduate of Goddard seminary and at present a student at Dartmouth college, returned home this noon, after passing a few days with friends in the city.

Oliver Levesperance of Beacon avenue is slowly recovering from the painful injury to the forehead, which he received while operating an emery wheel at the Trow & Holden plant Tuesday forenoon.